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This is all my fault.
REPORT. ANY SIGN OF HIM, NIGHTWING?
I shouldn't have gone off on my own. That left me vulnerable.
And Bernard is paying the price.
NOTHING AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SECURITY TAPE'S BEEN WIPED.
I'M COMING BACK.
NO ONE AT THE CHURCH HAS SEEN ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.
EXCEPT FOR, YOU KNOW, THE NORMAL SUSPICIOUS THINGS IN GOTHAM.
I need to know this guy's identity.
All I have to go on is clay and a love for detective novels.
ANYTHING ON CLAYFACE, BATWOMAN?
SAFE AND SOUND IN HIS CELL. HE'S NOT YOUR GUY.
I'M SORRY, ROBIN.
I'LL KEEP LOOKING.
THANKS. ROBIN OUT.

WE'LL FIND HIM, ROBIN. HE'LL BE OKAY.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.
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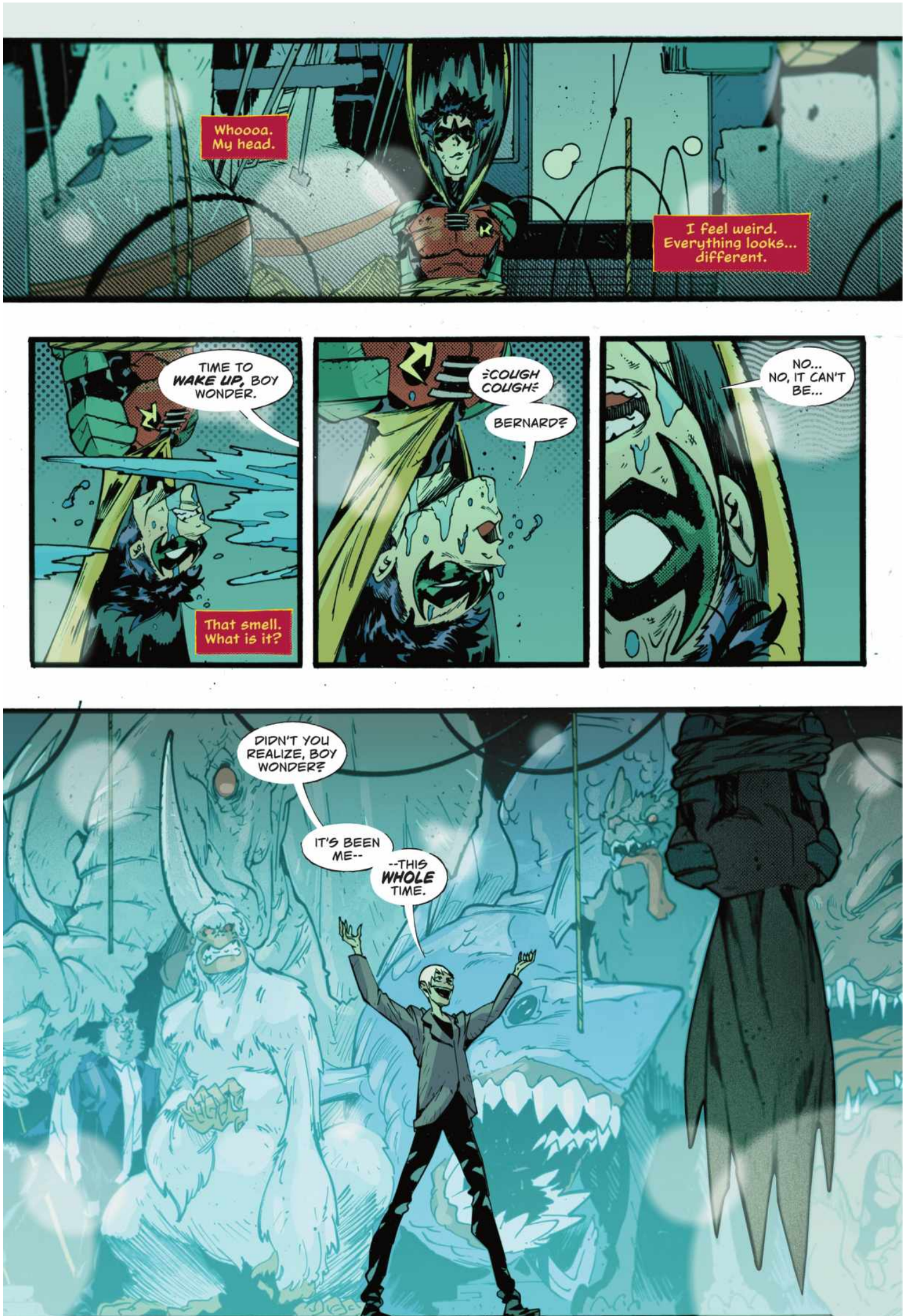
WHAT WAS I THINKING?
MOVING TO THE MARINA, DATING A CIVVY, ACTING LIKE I COULD GO OUT ON MY OWN.
I EVEN TRIED MAKING A NEW COSTUME FOR MYSELF.
IT DOESN'T FIT.
I've scoured the city. Twice.
BLAMING YOURSELF WON'T HELP HIM--
Have run a face scan through every security camera in the city.
How can someone make Bernard just disappear?

LOOK, ROBIN--
--STARTING A NEW PHASE OF LIFE--
--IT'S SCARY.
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT'S LIKE.
BUT IT'S ALWAYS WORTH IT.
ROBIN? IT'S SPARROW. I WENT BACK TO THE MARINA, AND--
YOU'VE GOT TO COME SEE THIS.

I told Nightwing to keep looking for Bernard.
It's easy for him to say that starting a new phase is worth it.
Dick has always been so sure of himself.
But I wasn't raised by Bruce Wayne and Alfred Pennyworth.
All I've got is a mountain of self-doubt and enough imposter syndrome to fill the bay.
Where is everyone?
SPARROW?
PIE?
BERNARD?!
UGHHHH...

Bernard! Thank God.
GUYS, I FOUND HIM.
SPARROW? NIGHTWING?
Where is Sparrow?
And what's going on with the comms?
THERE'S STILL A PULSE. GOOD.
CAN ANYONE HEAR--
WHOA, WAIT, WHAT ARE YOU--
THWOK


Whoooa. My head.
I feel weird. Everything looks... different.
TIME TO WAKE UP, BOY WONDER.
That smell. What is it?
=COUGH COUGH=
BERNARD?
NO... NO, IT CAN'T BE...
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE, BOY WONDER?
IT'S BEEN ME--
--THIS WHOLE TIME.

I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR YOU, COMING FOR YOU.
WHAT GOOD ARE YOU, ROBIN?
WHAT HAVE YOU ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED?
YOU'RE USELESS.
REDUNDANT.
WORTHLESS.
This can't be right. Something feels wrong--this isn't Bernard.
What did I miss?

The drones flying around me. Spying on me. As if I couldn't see them.
A MAN OFFERED ME MONEY TO GET SOMETHING FROM THE BANK!
The package on my boat, despite my security system.
Using one of the Gotham street kids to do his dirty work.
I'VE BEEN ASKING THE LOCAL KIDS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT. CAN'T HAVE TOO MUCH SECURITY.
Like Sherlock said...
When you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, however *improbable*, must be the truth.

I would have seen the clues if it were Bernard.
WORTHLESS? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE...
But someone else on the marina. Someone like...

JAMES.

WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN? JOIN THE PARTY?

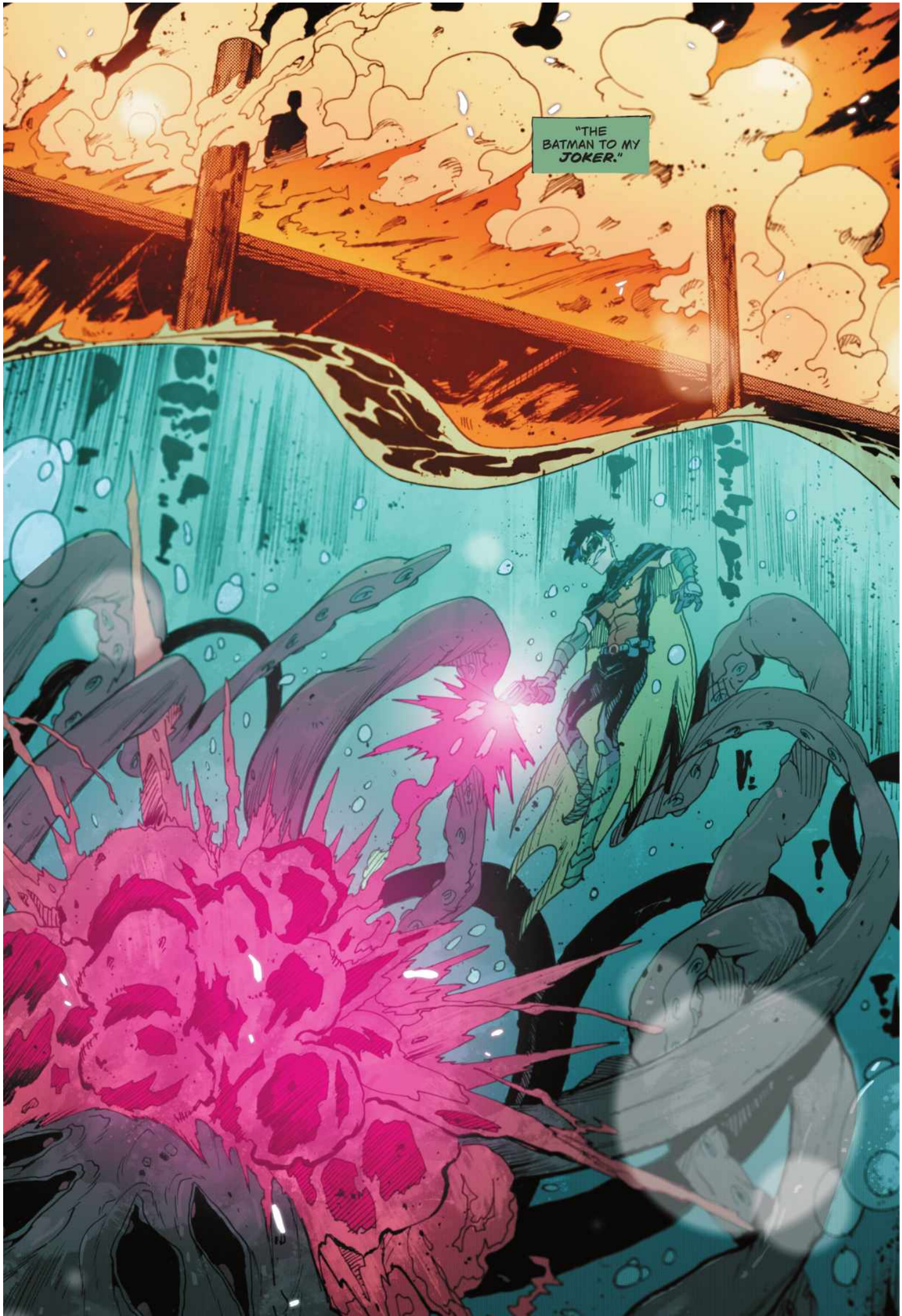
I KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU COULD GET DOWN WHENEVER YOU WANT.

That symbol. I know it...
ISN'T THAT BETTER?
WHERE IS BERNARD?!
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW I DID IT, ROBIN?
NOT REALLY!
CRSHHHHH
Another symbol!

"I KNOW YOU, ROBIN.
I can't focus. Like something is messing with my mind.
"I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN LONGING FOR NEWNESS.
"A NEW IDENTITY.
There, in the bottle. Is that...
"A NEW PLACE."
A white disk? That looks like a symbol for--
"THAT'S WHAT I WANT, TOO."

"I STARTED OUT AS A GOON. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET ANYWHERE IN THIS CITY.
MY--MY BONES! I CAN--FEEL THEM!
"BUT WHEN I WAS LOCKED UP THIS LAST TIME..."
WATER-- I NEED WATER--
"...I MET SOMEONE.
"SOMEONE WHO TOLD ME I COULD BE MORE THAN JUST A GOON."

WATER. I NEED TO GET TO--
"BUT I COULDN'T MAKE MY MARK, NOT REALLY, UNTIL I HAD A HERO TO FACE.
"SOMEONE I COULD SPAR WITH.
SPLASH
"I DIDN'T CHOOSE YOU FIRST, YOU KNOW.
Another symbol! It's starting to come to me--
Phosphorus!
"BUT WHEN YOU SOLVED THE MARK TWAIN MYSTERY, I KNEW YOU WERE MY HERO."


"THE BATMAN TO MY JOKER."

THE DISK. IT'S THE ALCHEMIST SIGN FOR BODY. THAT MUST BE WHY IT HELD THE BODIES OF THE CREATURES TOGETHER.
BUT IT'S ALSO THE SIGN FOR--
"THAT'S WHEN I STARTED RESEARCHING YOU."

ACK!
"WHO WAS THIS ROBIN?

"I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS. WHAT MAKES THIS ROBIN SO SPECIAL?
"SO SMART?"

SA--SA--SALT!
"OR, RATHER, NOT WHAT. BUT WHO."

BINGO.
PAINT

"IT WASN'T HARD TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.
"YOUR...FRIEND.
"BUT THE MORE I WATCHED THEM, AND YOU, THE MORE I WAS CERTAIN."
ACID BEATS SALT.
"YOU WERE MADE FOR ME.
"THE PERFECT NEMESIS."
SSSSSSS

TUNA'S BOAT SHOULD HAVE ONE.
"YOU HAVE A FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU."
IF I CAN FIND IT.
"AND I WANT TO BE A PART OF IT."
OH, THANK GOD.
"YOU'RE CLOSE TO SOMETHING NEW."
SORRY, TUNA, I'LL BUY YOU A NEW ONE.
"SOMETHING EXCITING."
WHAT THE--
"YOU NEED ME.
"JUST AS MUCH AS I NEED YOU."

ACID FOR ALL!
"YOU NEED A VILLAIN THAT UNDERSTANDS YOU."
FIVE DOWN...
"THAT CARES ABOUT YOU."
OH, GREAT.
"THAT MATCHES YOUR INTELLIGENCE.
CHOMP
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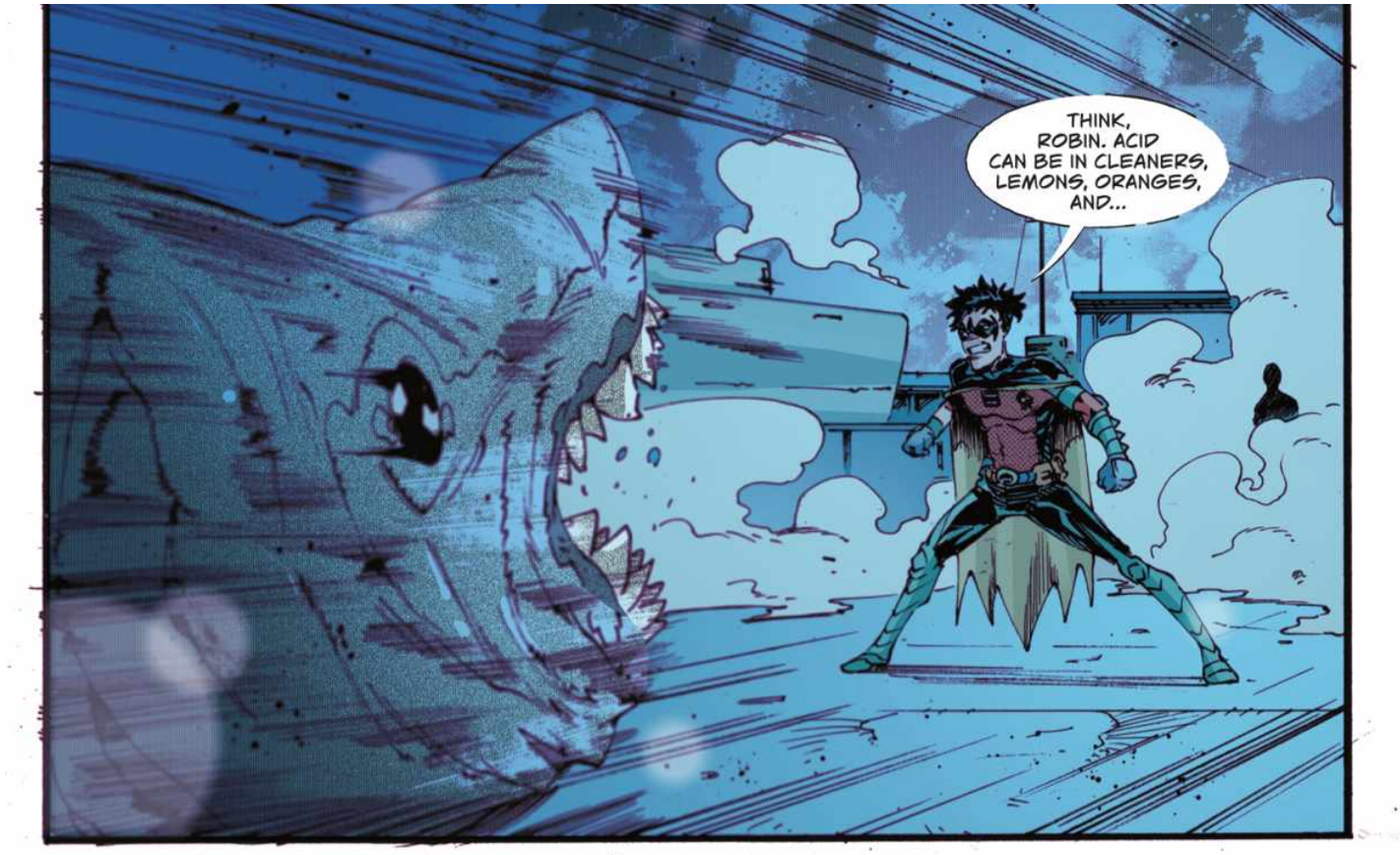
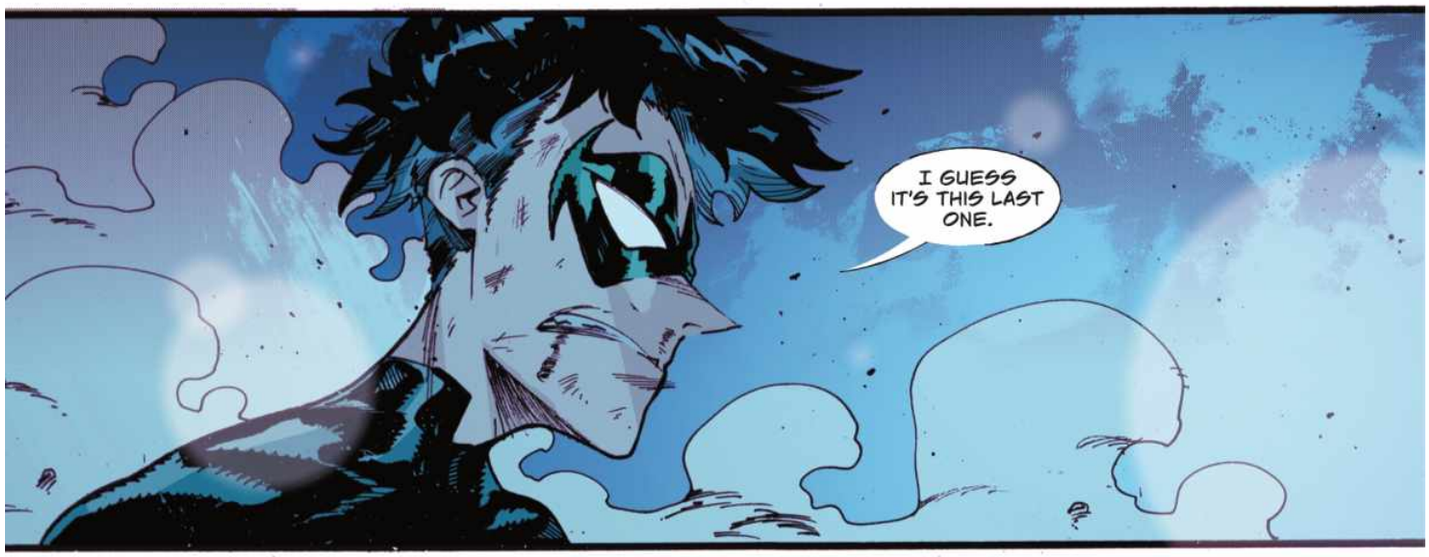
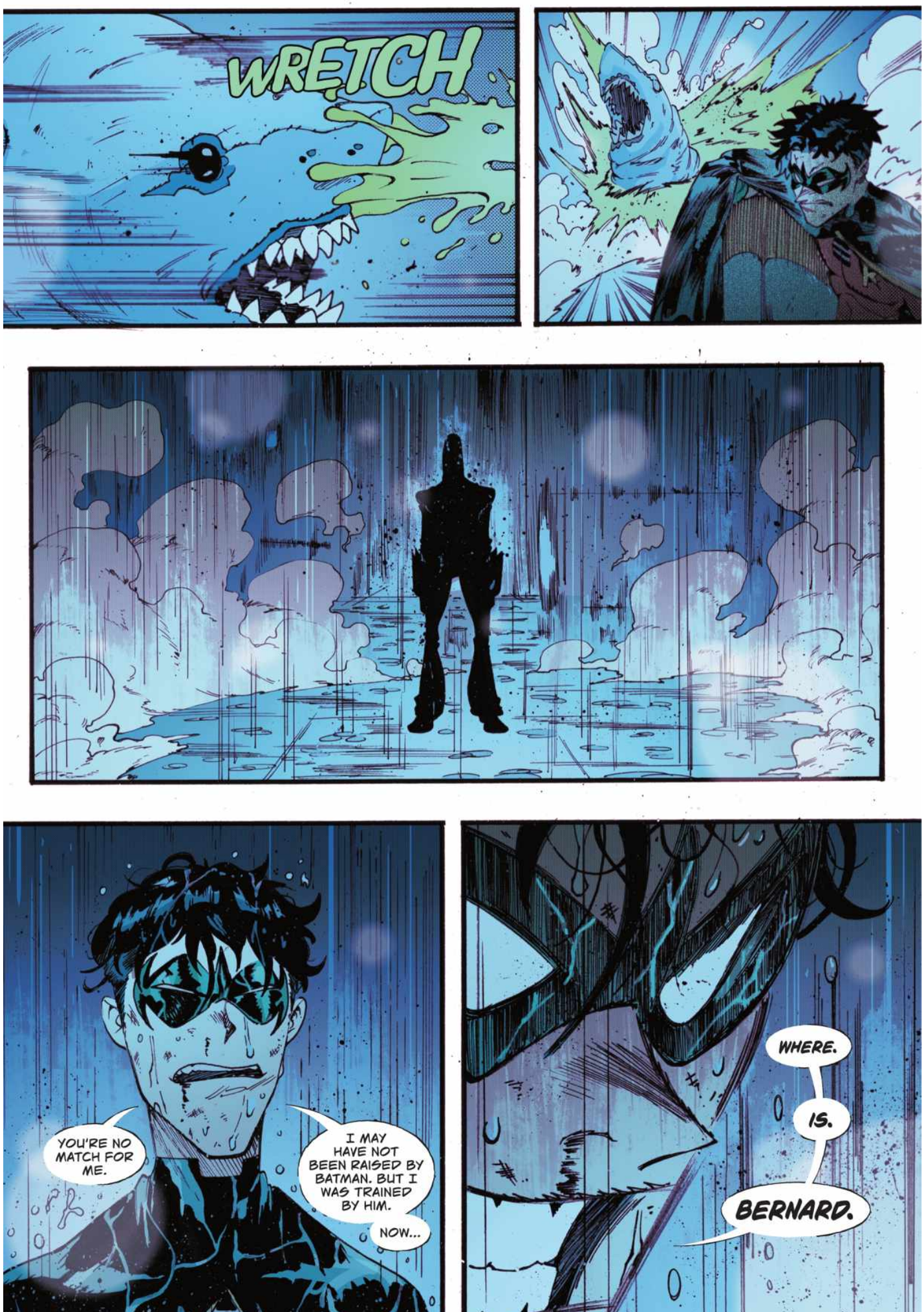
"I WILL BE THAT VILLAIN.
"A PERFECT MATCH."


THINK, ROBIN. ACID CAN BE IN CLEANERS, LEMONS, ORANGES, AND...


I GUESS IT'S THIS LAST ONE.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I MAY HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED BY BATMAN. BUT I WAS TRAINED BY HIM.
NOW...
WHERE.
IS.
BERNARD.

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"HE'S SAFE.
"FOR NOW.
"BUT IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL, HE AND EVERYTHING YOU LOVE--
BEEP BEEP BEEP
"--WILL SINK TO THE DEPTHS OF THE MARINA."
CLICK
BEEEEEEP
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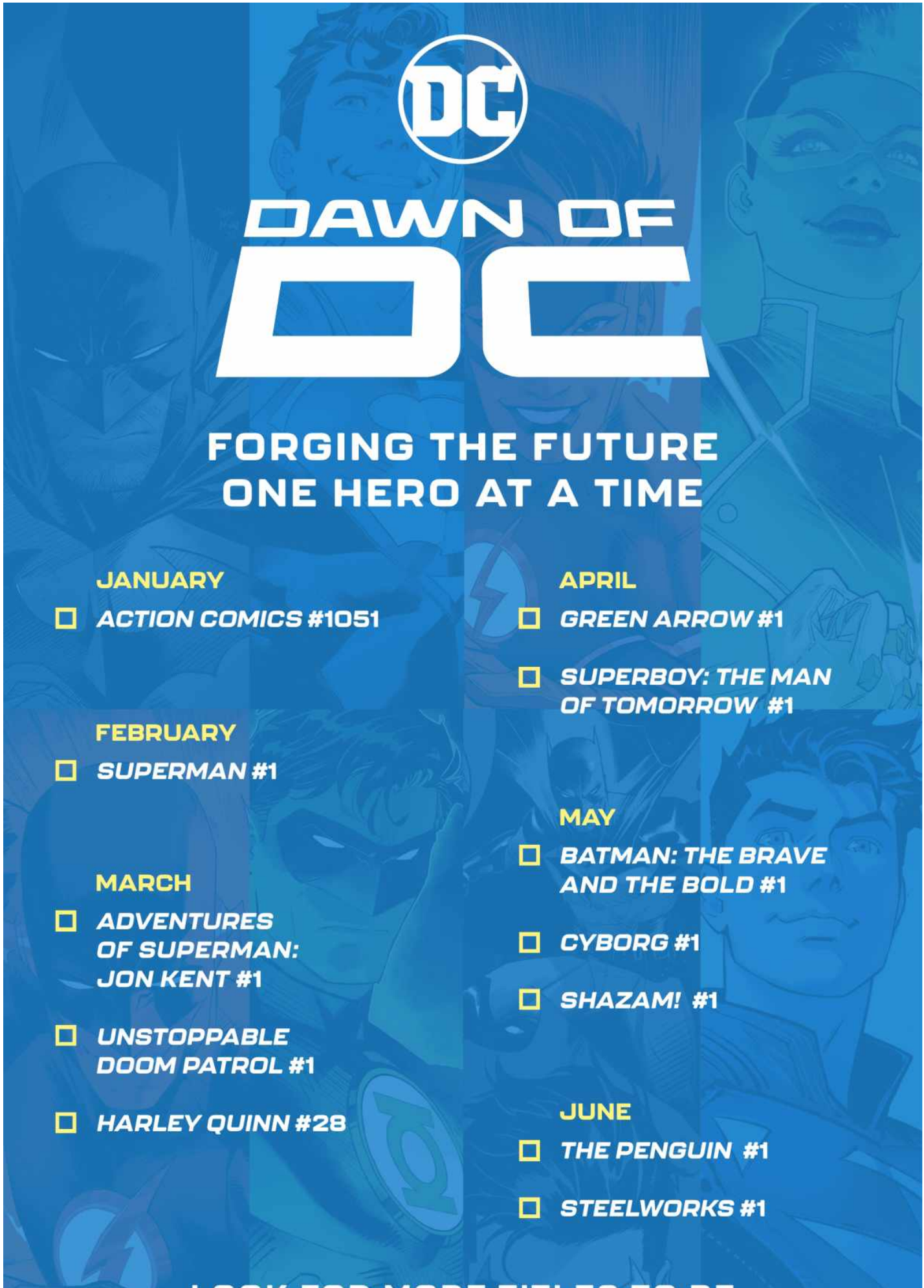
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"After the near-Multiverse-ending events in *Dark Crisis on Infinite Earths* and DC Universe: Lazarus Planet, the DC Universe will be heading toward the light," said DC publisher and chief creative officer Jim Lee. "With brand-new series and story arcs from some of the top creative members in comics, Dawn of DC is one of our most ambitious initiatives ever and is a chance for us to tell bigger and bolder stories across our line."

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